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SUBJECT : U-2 IRAN PROGRAM - Revision of:

REF : U-2 IRAN dated: 13 March 1958

As a result of conducting two U-2 IRAN jobs, a better understanding of the life of various U-2 components has been established. The two IRAN's accomplished are as follows:

A/C 362 AF 56-6695 at 500 hours

A/C 343 AF at 1000 hours

A report on the IRAN accomplished on 343 is attached and a report on 362 is forthcoming.

The results indicate that the U-2 in an AF operation can be in service for more than 500 hours before requiring an IRAN. Nothing serious or affecting safety of flight was uncovered. Thus it is decided to forego some of the intermediate IRAN's proposed in the referenced program since a real need for an early IRAN is questionable.

To this end, we suggest that the IRAN schedule currently in effect be amended as follows:

	IRAN hours	Approx. start date
56-6698	750	1 Jan. '59
56-6697	1000	1 June '59
56-6696	1000	?
56-6706	1000	?

After 56-6706, two articles a month would be in for a 1000 hr. IRAN until all are finished; approximately 1 June '60.

It is expected that this schedule will be firm unless very bad conditions are uncovered at the 750 hour IRAN of 56-6698.

We have Contract Approval #3, Contract #SP-1918 which authorizes us to perform IRAN to the old schedule. To keep things straight, you may wish to amend this to the above schedule.

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